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YOU SPENT NEARLY EVERY LAST COIN YOU GOT FOR RESCUING THE QUEEN'S BABY COUSIN TO UPGRADE YOUR KART, AND FOR WHAT?
YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, KID, IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT'S UNDER THE HOOD. YOU EITHER GOT IT OR YOU DON'T.
AND KID, YOU DON'T GOT IT!
GOOD ONE, ELVIS.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
OR MAYBE I HAVE YOU *RIGHT* WHERE I WANT YOU.

SURE, KID.
YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT.

TARGETS LOCKED!

HEY ELVIS, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME THE DAY I GOT MY DRIVER'S LICENSE?

HE TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE TOO ARROGANT.
AND YOU WERE OUT OF CONTROL.
AND IF YOU WOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE WRECKED THREE OF MY KARTS, KID.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY COINS YOU COST ME?
I'LL HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH COINS TO PAY YOU BACK AFTER I WIN THE RACE TOMORROW NIGHT.
YOU'RE GOING TO WIN THE SG TOUR 400? YEAH RIGHT!
GOOD ONE, DANE.
KID, YOU CAN'T EVEN BEAT US.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN PULL IT OFF?
WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FAITH IN YOUR STAR STUDENT?
MISSILES ENGAGED.

GOTCHA!
WHHHOOOAAAHHH!
AAARRRGGH!
EEEEECCCKKK!
The FAST and the FREAKY
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LOOKS LIKE THOSE EN... ENHANCE...YOU KNOW, FIXING ALL THAT STUFF ON YOUR KART PAID OFF.
YEAH. ELVIS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE WASTING ALL THOSE REWARD COINS. I GUESS YOU SHOWED HIM.
SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT IT'S ABOUT THE DRIVER, NOT THE KART.
YOU EITHER GOT IT OR YOU DON'T.
I GUESS I GOT IT.
WHOEVER TOLD YOU THAT ISN'T VERY BRIGHT.
IT WAS THE SAME PERSON WHO TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD NEVER UNDERESTIMATE OTHER DRIVERS...EVEN THE COCKY ONES.
NOBODY PAYS ATTENTION TO ANYTHING I SAY.
WHY SHOULD YOU START NOW?
HA HA!
HA HA!
HA HA!
HA HA!
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
ASH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S REALLY HER!
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IS THAT ASH CINDERFLAME?
DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY PAPER? I WANT TO GET HER AUTO...
...AUTOGR...
...YOU KNOW, I WANT HER TO SIGN HER NAME!
WAIT UP!
WOULD YOU TWO KNOCK IT OFF? IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY PIT CREW, YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE FANBOYS.
IT MAKES US LOOK LIKE IDIOTS.
JUST PLAY IT COOL, AMIGOS.
HI, ELVIN.
DID SHE JUST CALL YOU ELVIN?
NEVER MIND.
I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HER.
HOW COME SHE DOESN'T KNOW YOUR NAME?
SHE DOES, DOESN'T SHE, ELVIN?
LET IT GO, WILL YA?

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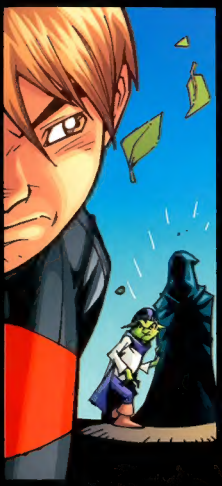


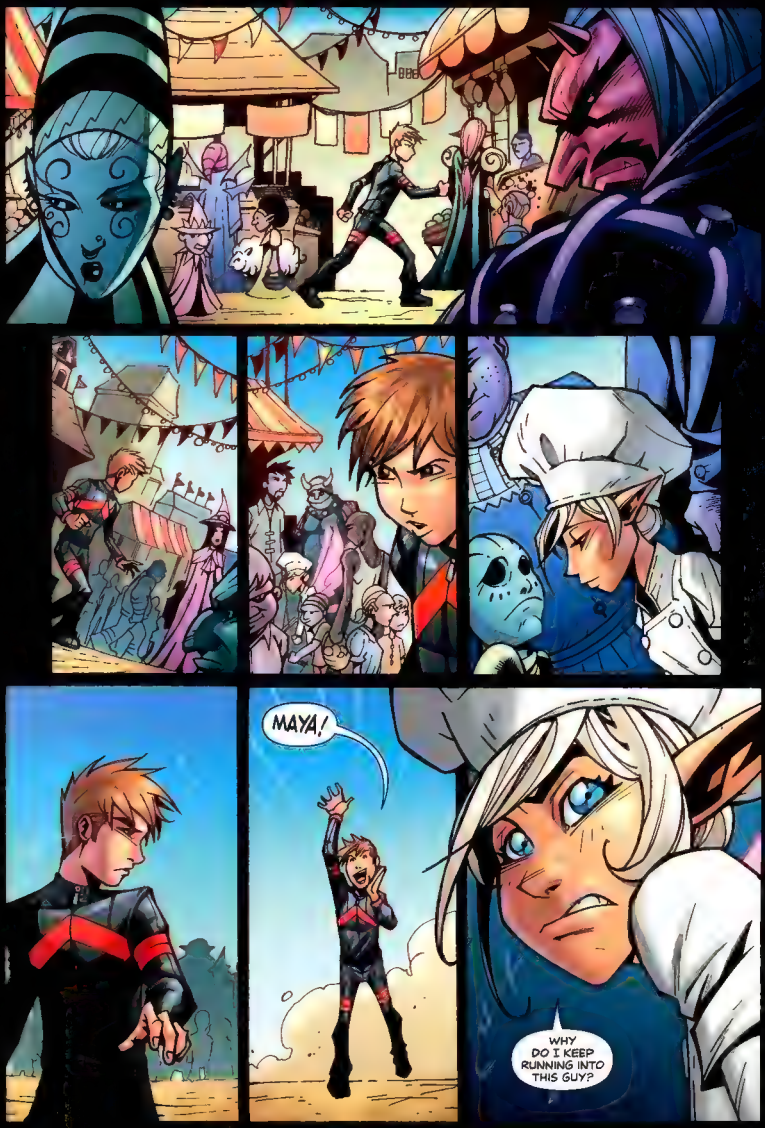
I HAVE TO GO.
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING. I FORGOT THAT I HAD TO MEET SOMEBODY. THAT'S ALL.
I'LL CATCH YOU GUYS LATER.

YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY CHEATERS NEVER PROSPER?
WHEN IT COMES TO TAZ, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IF THAT CONNIVING RUNT WINS TOMORROW NIGHT, HE'S GOING TO HOLD THE RECORD FOR THE MOST KART RACING VICTORIES IN THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT.
THERE IS NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN.
IF I SOUND BITTER, IT'S BECAUSE TAZ CHEATS.
ONE TIME A SPORTSCASTER PREDICTED THAT FREDDY FOXBERRY WAS GOING TO BEAT TAZ. THE NEXT DAY A BUNCH OF THUGAWUGS ROUGHED FREDDY UP. COINCIDENCE?
THEN THERE WAS THE TIME THAT LIZZIE LARKSPUR FOUND HER RACING KART NOSE DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF A POND.
HER CRIME? SHE CUT TAZ OFF IN A RACE.
WHAT'S SHE SUPPOSED TO DO? LET HIM WIN?
WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, FRIEND?

WE'RE NOT FRIENDS, TAZ.

BESIDES, I'M LATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT THE TROPHY SHOP.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY SPELL MY NAME RIGHT ON THE LIGHTNING CUP.

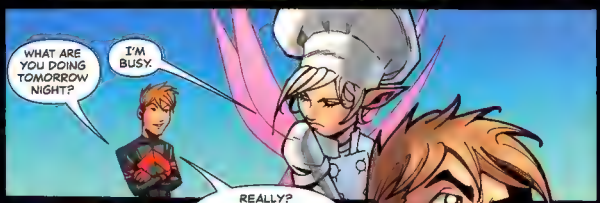
MAYBE YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT FINISHING THE RACE FIRST.
YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUNNY?
I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU.


MAYA!
WHY DO I KEEP RUNNING INTO THIS GUY?

NO. I'M OVER HERE!
HOLD UP.
TAKE IT EASY! IT'S ME...DANE.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT?
LET GO OF ME!
YOU'RE PLAYING HARD TO GET. IS THAT IT? AND HERE I THOUGHT WE WERE THE NEXT DYNAMIC DUO.
DON'T TELL ME I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT AND FIND ANOTHER SIDEKICK.

YOU HAVE TO BE THE MOST ARROGANT HUMAN BEING IN THE REALM!
WE ARE NOT A DUO, AND I'M NOT YOUR SIDEKICK!
WE FOUND THE GIRL, COLLECTED THE REWARD, AND NOW WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS. GOT IT?*
*SEE FREE REALMS ISSUE #1.
HAS ANYBODY EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY?
LOOK, I WAS THINKING YOU AND I SHOULD START OUR OWN GUILD.
WE COULD CALL IT SOMETHING LIKE THE BLACK WOLVES OR THE GREY GRIFFINS OR...
YEAH, SURE.
WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT IT NEXT WEEK OR SOMETHING? I'M LATE FOR MY COOKING CLASS.
COOKING CLASS?

YEAH. THERE'S A QUEST I WANT TO GO ON, BUT IT REQUIRES ADVANCED COOKING SKILLS. I CAN BARELY MAKE TOAST.
I'M NOT A BAD COOK. MAYBE WE COULD GO ON THE QUEST TOGETHER.
MAYBE.
LOOK, I REALLY HAVE TO GO.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMORROW NIGHT?
I'M BUSY.

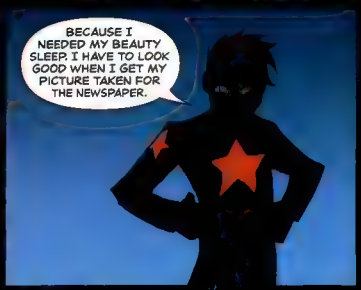
REALLY? 'CAUSE I WAS THINKING YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME AND WATCH ME WIN THE SG TOUR 400. I CAN GET YOU BOX SEATS.
I'LL LEAVE YOUR TICKET AT WILL CALL!

THE NIGHT OF THE BIG RACE.
THAT PAINT JOB SURE IS PRETTY.
IT BETTER BE FOR HOW MUCH IT COST ME.
JUST DON'T SCRATCH IT, TWITCH.

YOU'RE SURE YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG?
NO LOOSE HOSES?
NO MISSING SPARKPLUGS?
LOOK KID, I TOLD YOU. SHE'S NEVER RUN BETTER.

AND SOMEBODY WAS IN THE SHOP GUARDING THE KART ALL NIGHT?
YEP. ME AND TWITCH TOOK SHIFTS, JUST LIKE WE PROMISED. NONE OF US HEARD NOTHIN.'

AND WE DIDN'T GET NO SLEEP, NEITHER.
HOW COME YOU AND ELVIS DIDN'T TAKE A SHIFT?


BECAUSE I NEEDED MY BEAUTY SLEEP. I HAVE TO LOOK GOOD WHEN I GET MY PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE NEWSPAPER.

LOOK, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT TAIZ'S CHANGELING DIDN'T SABOTAGE MY KART.
NOBODY TOUCHED IT. WE SWEAR.

RACERS, START YOUR ENGINES!

ALL RIGHT, KID. IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE.
MAKE US PROUD.

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CLAIM YOUR REWARD!

NEW ACCOUNTS

1. GO TO THE ***FREE REALMS*** WEBSITE - HTTP://WWW.FREEREALMS.COM
2. ENTER THE CODE INTO THE TEXT FIELD IN THE "REDEEM-A-CODE" BOX ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE HOME PAGE
3. CLICK THE GREEN "GO!" BUTTON
4. THESE CODES WORK WITH NEW AND EXISTING ACCOUNTS, SO IF YOU'RE A NEW PLAYER YOU'LL HAVE TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT AT THIS POINT IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM THE CODE; ON THE ***FREE REALMS*** LOG IN PAGE, CLICK THE "FIRST TIME HERE? START PLAYING FOR FREE!" HYPERLINK.
5. COMPLETE THE NEW ACCOUNT REGISTRATION
6. THE "CONGRATULATIONS!" SCREEN WILL APPEAR, ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SUCCESSFUL CODE REDEMPTION AND YOUR RECEIPT OF THE IN-GAME ITEM

ENTER THIS CODE

7. CLICK "CONTINUE"
8. YOU'RE IN! NOW CLICK THE SC ICON IN THE GAME DOCK!
9. SELECT THE "CLAIM" BUTTON TO LOAD THE ITEM CLAIM SCREEN
10. YOU'LL SEE THE *TEAM ROCKABILLY NITROUS SYSTEM* ITEM IN YOUR PENDING CLAIMS. SELECT IT BY RUNNING THE CURSOR OVER IT AND LEFT-CLICKING, THEN CLICKING ON THE GREEN "CLAIM" BUTTON ON THE RIGHT!
11. ENJOY YOUR *TEAM ROCKABILLY NITROUS SYSTEM*

EXISTING ACCOUNTS

1. LOG IN AND LAUNCH ***FREE REALMS*** USING THE ACCOUNT AND CHARACTER WHO WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD.
2. SELECT THE SC ICON ON THE GAME DOCK
3. SELECT THE "CLAIM" BUTTON TO LOAD THE ITEMS CLAIM SCREEN
4. ENTER THE CODE INTO THE TEXT FIELD IN THE "REDEEM-A-CODE" BOX ON THE TOP OF THE WINDOW
5. YOU'LL SEE THE *TEAM ROCKABILLY NITROUS SYSTEM* ITEM IN YOUR PENDING CLAIMS. SELECT IT BY RUNNING THE CURSOR OVER IT AND LEFT-CLICKING, THEN CLICKING ON THE GREEN "CLAIM" BUTTON ON THE RIGHT!
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TEAM ROCKABILLY NITROUS SYSTEM

THE STORM FRONT

The end. In comics, the adventures of your favorite characters can last generations, unchanged from start to finish in a never-ending quest of power fantasies and heroism. It's that timeless illusion that guarantees fans will always have a reliable read to come back to no matter how long they may have been away. Few titles will ever reach a natural conclusion for their stories…and even fewer still will reach them with the same creative team from start to finish.

Doing both while setting the bar so high and making it all look so effortless is exactly what the PLANETARY team has done consistently from their brief 8-page debut to October's final 28-page epilogue that'll leave loyal fans eager to reread the whole series all over again. It's a level of devotion and praise that Warren Ellis and John Cassaday have pulled off after starting the series together more than ten years ago. And it's no mystery the third creator on this stellar team is none other than the remarkable Laura Martin.

Warren Ellis invited fans to uncover the unknown mysteries of an amazing world as John Cassaday brought his sense of poetic realism accompanied by Laura Martin's brew of kaleidoscopic visuals to bring it all to life in the harsh glow of your local comic stand. Blazing a trail for others to follow, they were ahead of their time more than ten years ago and now it all comes to an elegant end.

Issue #27 finds the world of Planetary on the cusp of something greater and full of wonder as Elijah Snow, Jakita Wagner and the Drummer have one unfinished thread to tie up. It's the perfect finish that comes with a moment begging fans to reread the whole series all over again from the beginning.

"It's a strange world."
"Let's keep it that way."

JIM LEE

OUT THIS MONTH!

COLLECTED EDITIONS:
JAMES ROBINSON'S COMPLETE WILDCATS TPB
PUSH TPB
SLEEPER SEASON TWO TPB
TOM STRONG: DELUXE EDITION BOOK ONE

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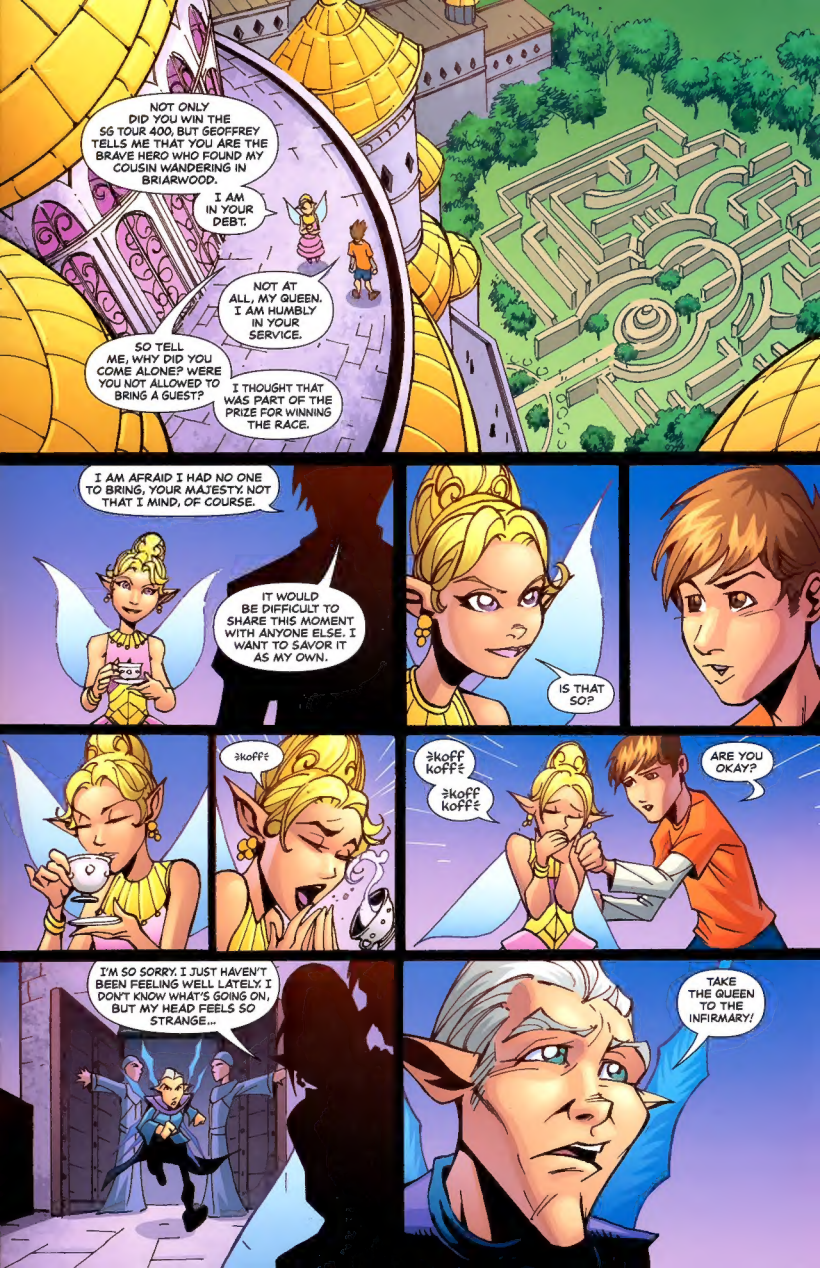
THAT CHANGELING DOUBLE-CROSSED ME!


NOT ONLY DID YOU WIN THE SG TOUR 400, BUT GEOFFREY TELLS ME THAT YOU ARE THE BRAVE HERO WHO FOUND MY COUSIN WANDERING IN BRIARWOOD.
I AM IN YOUR DEBT.
NOT AT ALL, MY QUEEN. I AM HUMBLY IN YOUR SERVICE.
SO TELL ME, WHY DID YOU COME ALONE? WERE YOU NOT ALLOWED TO BRING A GUEST?
I THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF THE PRIZE FOR WINNING THE RACE.
I AM AFRAID I HAD NO ONE TO BRING, YOUR MAJESTY. NOT THAT I MIND, OF COURSE.
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SHARE THIS MOMENT WITH ANYONE ELSE. I WANT TO SAVOR IT AS MY OWN.
IS THAT SO?
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ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M SO SORRY. I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN FEELING WELL LATELY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT MY HEAD FEELS SO STRANGE...
TAKE THE QUEEN TO THE INFIRMARY!

WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M AFRAID THE QUEEN HAS TAKEN ILL.
WE HAVE CONSULTED THE BEST PHYSICIANS IN THE REALM, AND FROM WHAT WE CAN GATHER, SHE HAS BEEN POISONED.
POISONED? BY WHOM?
AGENTS OF DARKTHORNE.
IN FACT, THE BOX YOU RECOVERED FROM BRIARWOOD WAS TO HAVE CONTAINED THE ANTIDOTE TO SAVE HER, BUT THE VIAL WAS MISSING.
I DIDN'T TAKE IT. I SWEAR.
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH. WHICH IS WHY I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...
...THAT IS, IF YOU DARE RETURN TO BRIARWOOD TO SAVE YOUR QUEEN.
THERE MAY EVEN BE A HANDSOME REWARD. BUT I WARN YOU, THE PATH WILL BE DANGEROUS BEYOND YOUR IMAGINING.
SIGN ME UP. I'M IN!
To be continued...